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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS - ALVIN AILEY DANCE
COMPANY AND ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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1. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFFS JANUARY 18, ARIA EXPRESSED SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN PRESENTING BOTH ALVIN AILEY AND ST. PAUL ORCHESTRA. AS EXPECTED, HOWEVER, NO FIRM COMMITMENT WAS FORTHCOMING PRIOR AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION BY ARIA OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION ON BOTH GROUPS. (AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION MAKES FINAL DECISION THESE MATTERS.)

2. REGARDING AILEY GROUP, ARIA IS WELL AWARE THEIR FINE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION. ARIA NEEDS, HOWEVER, PHOTOS, CRITICAL REVIEWS, AND PROGRAM TO BE PERFORMED IN ROMANIA. IN ADDITION, FILM OR VTR OF AILEY IN PERFORMANCE WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE. (FYI - EMBASSY HAS INFORMED ARIA THAT AILEY COMPANY CURRENTLY

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IN PARIS. ARIA REPRESENTATIVE WILL ATTEMPT TO REVIEW PERFORMANCE

THERE.)

3. ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA NOT KNOWN HERE ALTHOUGH ARIA IS CONFIDENT OF GROUP'S EXCELLENT CALIBER BECAUSE OF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ENDORSEMENT. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PROVIDE RECORDS, CRITICAL REVIEWS, PUBLICITY AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL, AND REPERTOIRE FOR CONSIDERATION BY ARIA SOONEST.

4. EMBASSY PRESENTED BOTH GROUPS TO ARIA AS PERFORMING ARTS ATTRACTIONS AVAILABLE FOR ROMANIAN APPEARANCES WITH ONLY LEI COSTS INVOLVED, E.G. ONE-WAY INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION VIA TAROM FROM PRECEDING EUROPEAN CITY FOR COMPANY AND FREIGHT AND ALL INTERNAL COSTS INCLUDING 100 LEI PER PERSON PER DAY FOOD STIPEND. ARIA AGREED THAT INTERNAL COSTS PRESENTED "NO PROBLEM" ALTHOUGH COMMENTED THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH THE EMBASSY "WHICH PORTION" OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ARIA WOULD PAY. (PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE THE SURPRISING WEIGHT OF THE AILEY COMPANY PROPERTIES, I.E. 16,000-20,000 POUNDS.)

5. ARIA INTERESTED PRESENTING ST. PAUL ORCHESTRA AS PART OF CLUJ AUTUMN FESTIVAL WHICH CONCLUDES OCTOBER 14. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISE IF ST. PAUL GROUP MIGHT BE AVAILABLE DURING OCTOBER 7-14 FOR ROMANIAN APPEARANCES.

6. FYI - ARIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAN NEGREANU AND SMALL DELEGATION OF ROMANIANS PLAN ARRIVE U.S. MID-FEBRUARY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN IMPRESARIOS REGARDING ROMANIAN CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS IN U.S. NEGREANU PLANS INCLUDE WASHINGTON IN ITINERARY FOR DISCUSSIONS THERE THESE TWO PROPOSALS AND OTHER BUSINESS. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE WHEN DATES AND PLANS ARE FIRM. END FYI.

7. IN EMBASSY VIEW, ARIA DEFINITELY INTERESTED BOTH AILEY AND ST. PAUL BUT ARE UNABLE TO GIVE COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME WITHOUT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS DESCRIBED ABOVE. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING SAME AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HERE. POST WILLING COMMIT LIMITED AMOUNT OF FY 75 GOE RESOURCES (\$1,000 PER PROGRAM) TO ENSURE ROMANIAN APPEARANCE IF NECESSARY.

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